

Section I (Amendments to the Specification)

Please replace the title on page 1 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph containing the appropriate section heading.

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

WINDSCREEN

Please insert the following title and paragraph at the first line of page 1 of the specification following the title of the invention.

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims foreign priority benefits pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 35 U.S.C. § 365 based on application number 0200524.7 filed in the United Kingdom on January 11, 2002 and international application PCT/GB02/00073 filed on January 10, 2003.

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 7-13 of the specification with the following replacement title and paragraph.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The opaque boundaries of glazed openings or apertures constitute a termination or interruption in the field of view available through the opening. This is widely ~~recognised~~ recognized and accommodated in most circumstances by the ability of the observer to change position thereby varying the field of view through the opening. There are, however, circumstances where the observer's ability to change his field of view is limited and/or the field-limiting effect of the opaque boundary is of more than usually critical importance.

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 4-6 of the specification with the following replacement title and paragraph.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention seeks to provide means by which the field of view through an opening obscured by opaque boundaries can be enlarged even for a viewer having a fixed observation position.

Please add the following title at line 1 at page 7 of the specification, at the line prior to the paragraph beginning with "Various embodiments of the present invention..."

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the paragraph at lines 22-24 of page 7 through lines 1-9 of page 8 of the specification with the following replacement title and paragraph.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Referring first to Figure 1 a front portion of a motor vehicle passenger compartment is illustrated, showing the driver's side of a windscreen opening 12 of an LHD vehicle, defined by an A pillar 13 which forms a boundary between the windscreen 12 and a front quarter light or side window 14 of a door 15. As will be appreciated, the windscreen 12 is raked through an angle approaching 45 degrees, and the A pillar 13 has a significant thickness D which, from the driver's position, can constitute a significant barrier, particularly in view of the fact that it, too, is strongly raked so that its effective width, parallel to the line A-A, is greater than its transverse width as represented by D. As can be seen in Figure 2 an observer cannot see anything within the obscuration zone Z defined between two ray paths 16, 17 respectively leading from the observer's left eye L past the left edge of the pillar 13 and the observer's right eye R passing the right edge of the pillar 13.